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Honorable Silas Whitman
Chairman
Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee
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Dear Chairman Whitman:

I am enclosing the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice/FONSI for the Collette Mine Stream Restoration project for your review. We did not receive any comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment, and thus have not made changes to the proposed activities or analyses. The proposed project is located on the Lochsa District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and is a partnership effort with the Watershed Division of the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resource Management. The project proposes stream and floodplain restoration activities along Lolo Creek in the former Collette Mine area. The Final EA is also available online at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=39057.

I have tentatively decided to select Alternative 2 which best meets the purpose and need and addresses the issues considered in the analysis.

This phase of the analysis begins the objection period, pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subpart A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.


Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, express delivery, or messenger service: (to Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807); FAX to (406) 329-3411; email to appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us; or by hand-delivery (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays at USDA Forest Service, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT 59807). Objections will be accepted electronically and should be submitted in Word or PDF format.



Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Lewiston Morning Tribune. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Should you have questions or need further information, please contact Anne Connor at (208) 476-8235.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor
Enclosure

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